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## MUNICIPAL FINANCE

### Pelham proposes \$25,550 in grants

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Town staff is recommending a total \$25,550 in grants be awarded to five community groups next year.

The grants will be subject to operating budget discussions in January.

"Some of it is in-kind, it's not just dollars," said Ward 3 Coun. John Durley about the way grants could be distributed.

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## WELL-READ CHRISTMAS TREE



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

With a little holiday magic and a novel idea by circulation clerk Nancy Ward, hundreds of out-of-circulation books were transformed into a Christmas tree now decorating the Fonthill branch of Pelham Public Library. Ward estimates it took about three hours to put the innovative tree together.

## PLANNING: No public comment until Jan. 16

### Pelham site bylaw on hold

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
Tribune Staff

PELHAM — A long-awaited Pelham site alteration bylaw will wait a little longer.

Town councillors this week postponed posting a draft bylaw for public comment until at least Jan. 16.

Acting chief administrative officer Craig Larmour, who is also the planning director, prepared the draft bylaw and had recommended putting it on the town's website.

The intention was to receive comments from the public until Feb. 3. Those comments would become part of a town council discussion of the bylaw in March. However, on Monday, Ward 1 Coun. Richard Rybiak said he had not had enough time to go through the 20-plus-page bylaw in detail.

"We need to give ourselves an opportunity to put our thoughts in order," he said.

Ward 1 Coun. Larry Clark said the bylaw "missed the mark," although a lot of work went into it. "It may be going in the wrong

direction."

Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi said the bylaw should be published in some form so councillors could get some input when they look at it in detail on Jan. 16.

"At that January meeting, council may make recommendations on how to change the draft, or may keep the draft as is, or even scrap the whole thing," Mayor Dave Augustyn said Thursday. "We will find out at the meeting. We will not be, however, approving a bylaw."

Larmour prepared the bylaw based on information town staff received during an August public information session and a September public meeting. He and his staff asked whether Pelham needed a site alteration bylaw to regulate changes on properties that would affect neighbours or the environment.

The site alteration bylaw debate was triggered by the erection of two-metre berms in rural areas, including on Church St. in southern Pelham and locations in North Pelham.

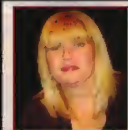
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## FINANCE

### Five groups in line to get funding

FROM PAGE 1

Town treasurer Cari Pupo, in a report to council, applauded all seven organizations that applied, but indicated only five satisfied conditions Pelham's permissive grants policy.

Recommended to receive grants are: Pelham Arts Festival, \$2,100; Pelham Cares, \$17,000; Child Advocacy Centre, \$500; Women's Place, \$2,000; Pelham Community Policing Committee, \$3,950.

"The recommended grants will provide each of the qualifying organizations with consistent funding from the Town of Pelham," Pupo said.

"These contributions will help foster the quality of life among the town's residents and provide long-term economic benefit to the community."

Staff reviewed \$32,250 in requests from the seven



Pupo

groups.

It turned down a \$1,500 request from Niagara Studio Tour and a \$5,000 request from

Welland Historical Museum. Others it trimmed.

Of the tour, Pupo said "the purpose of this group is to reach beyond the boundary of the town and primarily supports the interests of the individual artists."

As for the museum, she said the town "does not promote the museum for Pelham tourism and therefore recommends that no funding be approved for 2012."

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## DRESSING UP DOWNTOWN FONTHILL



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Downtown Fonthill sports new seasonal banners installed with special brackets on the downtown's new lampposts just in time for the holiday period. Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi said at a council meeting the banners have drawn compliments.

## PLANNING

### Bylaw would cover all of Pelham

FROM PAGE 1

The debate revved up when farmers, nurseries, sod growers and landscapers feared a bylaw would interfere with their operations. Landowners challenged an increase of control of property use by the municipality.

"Both these sessions were well attended by members of the public providing both support of and opposition to a bylaw of this nature," Larmour said in a written report to council.

In his report, he told council the proposed site alteration bylaw would cover the whole town, rather than just rural areas. It would require staffing and financial resources to be implemented.

"There will be lots of time for people to become involved, to review any proposal, and to provide feedback before council considers approving any site alteration bylaw," Augustyn said.

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■ COLUMN: Art of the matter

## Learning art of patience in watercolour class

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Patience.

Some of the skills, I found out, one needs when tackling watercolour. And after an abbreviated private class with Niagara artist Beverly Sneath, I discovered some are easier to talk about than put in practice.

But it doesn't matter much, said Sneath — not everyone who takes an art class wants to be an artist.

"Some find it relaxing, like meditation," said Sneath, who's developed many of the techniques she employs. "I want it to be open to people so they can enjoy it."

It's a good thing, because as a left-handed person who writes mainly in chicken scratch, relaxation is what sneath's art studio is tucked away on a tree-lined street in Ridgeway. She was raised in the picturesque Niagara community with her five siblings and now resides with her husband in a cozy abode not far from her childhood home.

She's the only artist in the family. At 12 years old, Sneath convinced her father to buy a set of oil paints. But it wasn't easy, she said.

"It wasn't something you would make a living at," she said. "I was very shy and spent a lot of time by

myself sitting and drawing. It developed over the years but wasn't so easy because it wasn't exactly encouraged."

But she persevered.

While she took some art workshops, Sneath's techniques are largely self-discovered.

"It took me years to figure stuff out," said Sneath, who now teaches art classes in Niagara. Starting in January, she'll offer beginner and intermediate watercolour classes on Tuesdays in St. Catharines.

I arrived at Sneath's home early on a Monday morning. The slim-framed artist ushered me into the art studio where dozens of watercolour and acrylic paintings depicting flowers and other nature-based subjects blanketed every wall. Stacks of painted ceramic sculptures covered a table on one side of the room. In the centre of the room, a rectangular table with a jug and several containers of water, paint brushes and palettes with wells of dried paint.

A sheet of white paper — 140 lb. cold press paper to be exact — was laid out, waiting for me to make some watercolour magic.

But the day's lesson wasn't destined to result in a masterpiece. First we needed to learn the colour wheel and wash techniques.

"You have to be careful to blend the colour in separate puddles," Sneath softly reminded me. My colours weren't mixing properly, they were too diluted. And, clearly, it was the paint's fault, having nothing to do with my delicacy as a conjurer of colour. So in a fit of impatience, I mixed the yellow and blue liquids together in a single pool on my pallet.

That didn't work either.

But I persevered.



Beverly Sneath at her Art Studio in Ridgeway.

And Sneath was the patient one, demonstrating a wet colour wash with elegant strokes on her page. Hers was a perfect rectangle. Mine, a blob with frayed and bubbling edges.

"All that frustration you have in the beginning, you get a handle on," she said. After a while it comes naturally, like the baker who no longer needs to use the recipe to cook."

If that's the case, she was Nicola Lawson. And I — just learning to blot water without burning the pot.

Sneath's inspiration comes from many places — sometimes things in real life, other times her imagination. She's

always taking photos of potential subjects, often driving her husband crazy trying to capture multiple angles of one item.

"He says 'how many pictures of a rock do you need?' she laughed.

Our lesson was nearly over when Sneath directed me to create a multicolour wash on an empty patch on my page.

We waited for it to dry slightly "just until it loses its shine," she said, then sprinkled salt over it.

The salt slowly settled into the fibres and created small white firework-like stars in the paint.

Artists who paint with watercolour use razors, wax,

latex, Saran Wrap, tissue and a variety of other items to create different effects, Sneath said.

"There are so many options with watercolour, more than acrylic," she added.

I held the page up and examined the dried splashes on it.

"You did really well!" Sneath pronounced. The encouraging tone of a teacher.

The paper now sits on my desk looking like an abstract assignment rendered by a kindergarten — one who likely won't grow up to be a painter, but who fully appreciates the time and skill the real ones require.

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## perspective



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## Resolve to be more civil

It's traditional on New Year's Day to make life-changing resolutions.

We promise ourselves to quit smoking, to lose weight, to take a course or to finally do that dream project. If you have the drive to do one or more, go for it.

Yet, to avoid the disappointment of stumbling by Jan. 31, why not back up the big resolution with smaller ones? You could call it resolving to act like a better person on a regular basis. For example, you can say "thank you" more often. Throw in a smile and you'll be surprised how much better the moment at a convenience store, reception desk check out counter or at home.

When you're behind the wheel of your car, take yourself a little less seriously. No one knows the pressure you're under to get wherever, so don't expect them to.

If you need down the 260 or near our Regional Rd. 24 to the QEW, give yourself more time. Pay more attention to where you are and what's around you. Rather than compete, let the aggressive driver go by. Meanwhile, you can enjoy the scenery. Take a moment to give a compliment. It could be for a job well-done at work. It could be for something on the street such as Christmas lights or a well-done garden.

It could be for what someone is wearing. It could be for your spouse, son or daughter.

It's just as easy to say something nice as make a bad remark. Those who hear a good word will always get a lift.

We're told civility has disappeared from our society. We can put it back in one small, one nod, one wave, one cheer and one courtesy at a time.

In the meantime, we can still strive to become healthier, smarter and more productive through our big resolutions.

# comment

## A look into the Sunni-Shia war



Gwynne Dyer  
AROUND THE WORLD

Last Thursday, there were 16 bomb blasts in Baghdad (72 people killed, 217 injured).

On Friday, two big car bombs in Damascus killed 40 people and injured 150. Even for Iraq, where there are suicide bombs every week, that is impressive. For Syria, these were the first terrorist attacks after eight months of non-violent protests. In both cases, however, perfectly sane people suspect that the government itself was behind the attacks.

Iraq's Vice-President Tariq al-Hashemi accused Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki of planning the attacks. "This style of terrorist attack, it's well beyond even al-Qaeda to do it," he said. "Those who were behind all these explosions and incidents (were) part of the (government) security forces. I'm sure about that."

Vice-President Hashemi was speaking from the semi-independent Iraqi region of Kurdistan, where he fled last week after Prime Minister Maliki accused him of plotting terrorist attacks. The Kurds will protect him because they have rejected Maliki's authority over them, but also because they are mostly Sunni Muslims, like the Sunni Arabs whom Hashemi

represents — while Maliki, like most Arabic-speakers in Iraq, is Shia.

Meanwhile, just across the border in Syria, the non-violent revolt against the dictatorship of Bashar al-Assad has turned nasty. Or at least that's what Assad's regime wants people to believe: "We said it from the beginning, didn't we?" said Deputy Foreign Minister Faysal Mekdad, standing by one of the blast craters. "This is terrorism. They are killing the army and ordinary people."

The regime claims that it was al-Qaeda that did the Damascus attacks, with Israeli and American backing — and that all opposition to the Syrian regime is actually terrorism. "This is a qualitative escalation of the terrorist operations that Syria has been exposed to for the last nine months," said an interior ministry spokesman. "These two suicide terrorist operations show, once again, the real face of the plot

seeking to shake Syria's stability."

However, the leaders of the Syrian democratic movement think that the Assad regime probably organized the attacks itself, to support its claim that there is no non-violent insurgency in Syria, just attacks by "armed terrorist groups".

The response of the United Nations Security Council to these events was telling. It strongly condemned the Damascus bombs and sent its condolences to the victims, their families and the Syrian people — but it did not send condolences to the Syrian government, which would be its usual practice in such a case. Nobody believes Assad's story.

What worries Arabs even more is the sectarian subtext to this story. Assad in Syria, like Maliki in Iraq, is a Shia, while the opposition in both countries is mostly Sunni. The difference is that Assad leads a largely Shia regime that is drawn from the Alawite minority, barely 10% of the population, in a country where most people are Sunni Muslims. Maliki, by contrast, leads a Shia regime in a country that is 60% Shia.

This tells us how likely it is that the regime in question ordered the bombings itself. Iraq's Shias

have been under attack by Sunni fanatics for years, but Maliki is in no danger of losing power. He doesn't need to persuade Iraqi Shias that some of their Sunni fellow citizens hate them; they already know that. So why would he attack his own government?

By contrast, Assad faces the imminent risk of being driven from power. He is in the last ditch, and his only hope is to convince the disbelieving world that the brave Syrians who face his tanks unarmed are actually al-Qaeda terrorists. He (or somebody in his employ) probably did order the bombings.

Behind all this looms a larger question: In the midst of liberating itself from tyrannies, is the Arab world about to stumble into a Sunni-Shia religious war? The rhetoric is getting paranoid on both sides, even though the original reasons for these sectarian rivalries in Iraq and Syria have nothing to do with religion.

Iraq's army, and therefore its politics, were dominated by the local Sunni minority because the country was ruled for 300 years by the Ottoman (Turkish) empire, whose state religion was Sunni Islam. Sunni rule was only finally overturned by the American invasion of 2003, and the wounds on both sides of the religious divide are still raw.

Syria is ruled by a Shia minority only because the French colonial army recruited its local troops from the Alawites, precisely because they were a poor and despised minority. That way, the French hoped they would be loyal to France, not to Syria. But domination of the military ultimately let Alawites seize political control in independent Syria.

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## readers' views

### Christmas Dinner compliments of the Kinsmen

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What a wonderful accomplishment!

How proud we should be of this dedicated, hardworking group of

volunteers.

Once again it is my great pleasure to thank these wonderful group of men and women for the fabulous time at the Old Pelham Town Hall on Dec. 13.

My mother Molly, who is now 98, especially enjoys the Celtic music and dancing from the Celtic Fiddle and Country Band of marvelous musicians were joined on stage by a second group of four ladies, Mes

Amies, for a grand finale on stage which was enjoyed by all including our mayor.

My friend Rachel, who is our designated driver, my mother and I look forward to next year and another treat from our Kinsmen.

As always I say: Compliments to the Pelham and District Kinsmen.

Shirley Lazareth  
Fonhill



### ■ LINONESS CLUB STOCKS PELHAM CARES WITH TOYS



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The Fonthill Lioness Club presents Pelham Cares with about \$600 worth of new toys, toys and mitts, one of its annual projects. From left are Pelham Cares vice-president Jane Gilmour, client services co-ordinator Betty Brown and Lioness president Louise Stayer.

### ■ LIONS CLUB DONATES TO ARMY CADETS



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Fonthill Lions Club presents 613 Lincoln and Welland Regiment Army Cadet Corps a cheque for \$500 for a trip to the 95th commemoration of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in France. From left are Lion Doug Gaylor, Adam Waskawick, 2nd Lieutenant Megan Scott and Lion Fred Arbour.

### ■ DYER

## Old history won't go away

FROM PAGE 4

There is no Shia plot against the Sunni Arab world, just old history that won't go away. The danger is that Arab rulers start thinking that citizens cannot be loyal to the state unless they have exactly the same religious beliefs as their rulers.

The European wars of religion — a century of slaughter — were not

really about doctrinal quarrels. They happened mainly because rulers became convinced that they could not be safe if some of their citizens belonged to a different sect. Most countries in the world today are living proof that that is nonsense, but Arab rulers, both Sunni and Shia, are fast falling into the delusion that it is true. That would be a disaster.

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# ■ COMMUNITY: Students adopt 32 families



ABOVE: Jillian Young and Katie Guzowski fill boxes with food and gifts for local families in need as part of E.L. Crossley's Christmas Cheer campaign.

TOP LEFT: E.L. Crossley Secondary School students Kathryn Hrycusko and Stephanie Leppert organize their homeroom's Christmas Cheer hamper for a family in need.

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## Crossley students are holiday cheerleaders

KATHLEEN CLARK  
For PelhamNEWS

PELHAM — The cafeteria

at the Pelham high school is stacked full of neat rows of Christmas cheer.

For more than 20 years, stu-

dents and staff of E.L. Crossley Secondary School have held their Christmas Cheer campaign. They put together hampers for local families who need a helping hand over the holidays.

Last week, the school gathered all their donations — enough to support 32 families — to cart to the Salvation Army. "There's no incentive; it's just Christmas spirit and good will," said Carolyn Rantien, a teacher who helped organize the effort. "You know, the students are just so awesome. They really are. It's just so neat every year."

The school's Interact Club helps the initiative. Each homeroom class at Crossley took on the task of accumulating \$350 to \$500 worth of presents and food donations for one family. Some classes even asked for responsibility for more families, said Charlotte Butko, a Grade 12 student and secretary of the Interact Club.

"Today is our big day — when we do most of our organizing," she said, looking around the cafeteria at the fleet of students hauling food and filling boxes. "It's a lot of work."

But everyone gets involved, said Butko. Even the local Country Corner Market is pitching in with donations of perishable food items and the use of its truck to deliver the goods.

"Seeing everyone get involved is really nice," Butko said. "In class it's fun. It's class time not doing math, say. But when it's all in here you just see it come together ... I think now is when it hits you. All this stuff is making people's Christmases."

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For children under six, it is best not to use traditional cold medications. They don't work well, and often cause more unwanted side effects than benefit. Tylenol or Advil should be used to treat fever and help with discomfort.

Administer plenty of fluids to help loosen congestion. Saline nasal sprays and drops can be used to loosen mucus as well as gentle suctioning. A vaporizer in the child's room can make breathing easier, but remember to change the water daily to avoid the growth of moulds and bacteria. Turn down the heat in the house. Warm dry air can be more difficult to breathe and cause irritation. Opening a window in the child's room is also helpful. A teaspoon of honey can help settle a cough at night time, but don't give to children less than one year of age (they don't have the proper gut flora to protect against possible botulism). Topical rubs such as Vicks vaporub contain menthol, camphor and eucalyptus. They can provide a feeling of being able to breathe easier, but they should be applied sparingly and under a shirt to avoid contact with eyes and mouth. Camphor should not be used in children under two as there are concerns about absorption and liver damage.

For adults there are many products to choose from. Again, side effects caused by the medication can be worse than the cold. All of the non-medical suggestions used for kids can also be effective for adults. Decongestants like pseudoephedrine, are generally not recommended for patients with high blood pressure. There is a product called Coricidin that does help with congestion and is safe for people with high blood pressure.

For cough due to cold, a product with an antihistamine-decongestant combo works quite well. Find one with a first generation antihistamine in it like brompheniramine, an example would be Drixoral cold and sinus. Naproxen (now available in Canada without a prescription) can also help with a cough due to its anti-inflammatory properties. Cough syrups with dextromethorphan may help with a cough and are generally safe for everyone to take. Some syrups have an expectorant in them called guaifenesin, which is useful to help loosen mucus. In general it does not make much sense to buy a product with both of these ingredients in it. If you want to get rid of mucus in your chest, you don't want an ingredient to suppress your cough. Narcotic cough medications work the best to settle a cough but require a prescription from your doctor.

Make sure you understand what all of the ingredients are in your cold medication. Often they will contain Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Advil (ibuprofen). You don't want to take more than the recommended doses of those medications. However, you do want to take some Tylenol or Advil, they are both effective at treating fever and a sore throat.

A cold is much different than the flu. The flu presents with fatigue, body aches, fever and sometimes a cough. A cold is associated with runny nose, sore throat, and cough. Although a cold makes us uncomfortable, generally the symptoms are manageable. The best thing to do is use a mixture of old-fashioned remedies, cough and cold products, and rest as much as possible.

The flu (especially this year) can be life threatening. It is not treatable with over the counter medications. If you suspect you may have the flu, you should see a physician.

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## ■ BUTTERFLIES BOUTIQUE NAMED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce has named Butterflies Boutique, at 1408 Pelham St. in Fonthill, as business of the month for November. Chamber executive director Dolores Fabiano and Mel Groves, representing award sponsor RBC Dominion Securities, present a plaque to store owner Nancy Birmingham and daughter Deanna Wolske.



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## ■ POETRY WINNERS RECOGNIZED



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The poetry winners of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 annual poster and literary contest were recently announced. Front row, from left are Kornelia Fuks, Tess Puchalski, Kaitlyn Palmateer and Ryan Belovari. Back row, from left are Andrew Rauh, Casey Damude and Hope MacMahon.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### MEDITATION MORNING

Marcia leads beginners and those who have meditated before through a number of different types of meditations for stress relief and focus. Please bring a pen and notebook. Jan. 14 or Feb. 4 from 9:30 – 11:30. \$3. Please register ahead.

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Scottish Country dancing has been enjoyed in the barns, village halls and ballrooms of Scotland for at least 250 years. Scottish Country dancing is usually danced in a set of 6 to 8 people to a lively jig, reel or the slower, more graceful Strathspey tempo. This fun dance is suitable for all ages. You don't have to be Scottish or bring a partner to enjoy dancing! Certified teacher Sue Belovari has been dancing for 35 years and teaches with the Oakville Scottish Country dance group. Sun. Jan. 15 – Sun. Feb. 19, 2:00-3:30, \$50 for a 6-week session.

Register ahead in person. Part of Town of Pelham's 1812 Celebrations.

### WARM AND WOOLLY WINTER WORKSHOPS

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2. Sock-mania Knitting Class  
Do you knit but have never tried making socks? This class is for you. Learn basic sock construction from the cuff down. Elaine Anderson, sock addict, will take you through the steps to create a mini sock. Sun. Jan 15 – Sun. Feb. 19, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m., \$60. Register ahead in person.  
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# sports

■ **BASKETBALL:** Tryouts in Jan.

■ **SILVER STICK HOCKEY TOURNAMENT:** Forty regional teams in town

## PBA forming U17 boys team

For PelhamNEWS

Pelham Basketball Association will form a U17 Boys travel team, of juvenile boys born in 1995 or younger, for the 2012 season.

It will hold three or four tryouts at no cost to players in January.

The team selection will be completed by the end of the month.

It will practice once per week until the high school basketball season ends in February.

Then there will be three practices per week throughout March, April and May at E. L. Crossley Secondary School and Notre Dame College School.

The team will play minimum of five tournaments, that is, four plus the Ontario provincial championships.

Tournaments will be within a day's travel distance with no over night expense required. Additional tournaments can be discussed.

Cost per player is \$400.

Of this \$200 covers Ontario Basketball Association registration, insurance and the OBA tournament, as well as local gym time and equipment. Another fee of \$200 will cover the four tournaments.

Cost of uniform will be discussed, there is an option to rent or purchase them.

Once the team has been selected fundraising and sponsorships can be discussed to reduce the cost and/or provide additional tournaments.

Contact: Al Ingraham for registration form and questions at [algraham@torainc.com](mailto:algraham@torainc.com).

EDDIE CHAU  
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — It was time for the best of the best in Ontario minor hockey to shine on the ice in Pelham.

For the 27th year Pelham Minor Hockey Association hosted 40 teams from across Ontario in its annual Silver Stick tournament.

This year's tournament ended Thursday. Participating municipalities included: Pelham, Welland, Port Colborne, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines, Thorold, Dorchester, Tillsonburg, Georgetown, Caledon, Brantford, New Hamburg, Burlington and St. Marys. The tournament was open to all single A novice, atom, peewee, bantam and midget teams.

Alison Danko, tournament director said the Silver Stick tourney is a great tune up event for season playdowns. Winners of each tournament will go on to the International Silver Stick finals in January.

"The Novice teams will go to St. Clair Shores, the atom and midget go to Sarnia and peewee and bantam go to Port Huron," Danko said.

“Last year one of our teams played in Sarnia against a team from Alaska. It's a tough tournament to win.”

Alison Danko, tournament director

The Pelham Silver Stick tournament is a regional event, one of 26 Canadian tournaments as part of the Silver Stick organization.

For 54 years the Silver Stick Hockey Association has provided opportunities to play hockey for boys, girls and sled teams.

Besides the Canadian tournaments the organization also has 19 regional events in the United States and 13 finals events. More than 65,000 youth hockey players participate in the tournaments with the aim of becoming Silver Stick

champion.

"At the finals you compete against teams from all the other regional tournaments at all levels," Danko said.

"When you go to the finals you play American and Canadian teams. Last year one of our teams played in Sarnia against a team from Alaska. It's a tough tournament to win."

Dank said awards will be giving out to tournament winners and finalists at the Pelham tournament.

"Winners receive a championship Silver Stick banner and trophy and a special pin that you can only win at a Silver Stick regional tournament," Danko said.

"The finalists receive a trophy and each player receives a custom Silver Stick medal."

Games were played at arenas in Pelham, Welland and Wainfleet.

For a complete information on the Silver Stick tournament visit [www.pelhamminorchockey.com](http://www.pelhamminorchockey.com)

## pelhambriefs

### ADMIRALS AT 15-5-1

The Front Row Sports Atom Major AAA Southern Tier Admirals advanced their league record to 15-5-1 with a 3-1 victory over the Niagara Riverman.

Nick Rubino continued his hot scoring pace as he completed his second hat trick in as many games with just 10 seconds remaining in the game into an empty net.

Tanner McEachern assisted on all three goals. The win keeps the Admirals in second place.

In earlier action the Front Row Sports Southern Tier Admirals Atom Major AAA had a win and a loss.

The Admirals travelled to Brampton and lost a close battle 3-2.

Patrick Sanelli scored a goal and Nick Rubino had a goal and an assist, Tanner McEachern assisted on both goals.

The Admirals then travelled to Guelph to earn a 4-3 win.

Rubino was firing on all cylinders as he completed his hat trick and assisted on the other goal to finish the night with four points.

Tanner McEachern had a goal and an assist, with Sanelli and Max Blanchard getting an assist each.

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## ■ BASKETBALL

# U-10 Panthers defeat Port Colborne to capture bronze medal

For PelhamNEWS

The Pelham Niagara Dental Centre/Miles Kulik MHC Mortgage Services Panthers under-10 girls basketball team defeated Port

Colborne 28-16 to win the bronze medal at the St. Catharines Rebels tournament.

Pelham defeated Stoney Creek 23-10 and lost 27-10 to Hamilton Transway in pool play before

losing 18-15 to Hamilton Blessed Sacrament in the semifinals.

Top performers were Pelham were:

• Ally Sentance, 30 points, nine rebounds and nine steals;

• Kaley Demont, 25 points, 11 rebounds, 14 steals and three assists;

• Tess Puchalski, six points, 10 rebounds and 19 steals;

• Jordyn Britton, six points, 10 rebounds and six steals;

• Lexia Poitras, four points, three

rebounds and five steals;

• Sydney Grummett, two points, 13 rebounds and two steals.

• Tess Capra, two points, four rebounds and four steals;

• Emma Melito, one point, five rebounds and two steals;

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## ■ PELHAM CARES BUSY OVER THE HOLIDAYS



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Gail Hilyer of Pelham Cares receives from Brian Baty of Fonthill Holy Trinity Anglican Church \$2,000 the church raised the money through its Advent Souper Bowl Sunday event. Church members were encouraged to make "free will" donations to sample three homemade soups – butternut squash, hearty Italian, chicken vegetable if following a regular church service. Leftover soup was also sold as part of the event. The money was to be used to buy perishable items such as bread, vegetables and fruit for the food bank and Christmas Hampers.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Some of the 20 Pelham Cares volunteers take a break from packing community Christmas hampers at the old Fenwick fire station Wednesday. From left are: Catherine Tirpko, Fonthill Lioness Linda Roach, Christmas hamper co-ordinator Colleen McCarthy, Bill Hughson and Pete Martinak.



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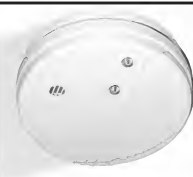
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## TUESDAY, JAN. 10

## MESSY CHURCH

at Holy Trinity Church, 1557 Spring Street, Fonthill from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free hot dinner, music, prayer, crafts and fun. A time for families to enjoy being together for a Messy Epiphany. Everyone is welcome! Find us on our Facebook page Holy Trinity Fonthill.

## SUNDAY, JAN 15

## FENWICK LIONS

Soup and Bread Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Fenwick Lions Club, 999 Church St., Fenwick. Selection of homemade soups.

variety of breads, dessert, coffee, tea and juice. \$7 per person.

## ONGOING

## TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

St. Ann's Parish, 834 Canboro Rd., Fenwick, 7 p.m. Continues every Tuesday to the end of June. Wheelchair accessible. Chance to win \$100. 905-892-6123.

## ST. ALEXANDER PASTA NIGHT

First Thursday of every month at St. Alexander Church, Town Square, Fonthill. Admission: \$9 for adults, \$4 for children age four to 12 and children under three free. All you can eat red and white sauce penne, meatballs, sausage, garlic bread, salads and more. Catered by Antipasto's.

## RENT A GEEK

One-on-one Computer Help with computer systems specialist Dan Wallace. He is available to help with your questions every other Friday between 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pelham Public Library. Fee \$10 per half hour with a half hour minimum. Includes use of a laptop. Payment reserves your place, since space is limited. Please register in person at the Pelham Public Library Fonthill branch.

## WOMEN'S OPEN MIC

Entertainment Night at the Cafe On Main, 1455 Pelham St., Fonthill, on the last Friday of every month from September to June. This event is an opportunity for women of all ages and talents perform as a musician, poet or comedian, in an encouraging environment. Sign up for performers is at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Featured artist set at 10 p.m. For more information go to www.WomensOpenMicNetwork.ca.

## ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

of Niagara Region Support Groups for Caregivers meets the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Rapelle Lodge, 277 Plymouth Rd., Welland. For info call 905-67-3914.



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